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PRINCIPLES
of a Christian.

Questions and Answers vpon the
Creed, the ten Commandments, the
Sacraments, and the Lords Prayer, for
the further opening of the ordina-
rie Catechisme.

Very fit to be learned of all Children. K

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Teach a Child the trade of his way, and when
he is old he shall not depart from it.

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To all faithfull Pastors, my
fellow-laboureres in the worke
of the LORD.



I may perhaps seeme strange vnto you, beloued Brethern, that I should put forth these first Principles of a Christian, after so many and so excellent Catechismes, in there vse so profitable, already put forth; But let this serue for answere, that none as yet haue expounded the ordinary Catechisme that euer I did see.

And againe, that I doe find this most profitable, for the people of mine owne charge; and if it may be beneficiall vnto others also, I haue my desire. Now mine exhortation vnto you all, is, that you would bee most diligent & faithful, as in generall, to take heed vnto the whole flocke ouer which the holy Ghost hath made *you Ouerseers*, so more specially to Catechize the younger sort, let them haue the sincere milke of the Word, that they may grow thereby; they are *Messis in herba*, the hope our harvest hereafter: Remember that our Saujour doth charge vs all, not onely to feed *τα πρόβατα*, his *Sheepe*, the elder sort, but hee doth also in-royne vs in the first place, and vpon our loue

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to feede *in ayra*, his Lambes : the one must haue strong meat that the faint not ; the other must haue the *sincere milke* of the Word, that they may become strong men in Christ. Remember that if thou teach a yong man the trade of his way, when he is old he shall not depart from it : If you season his mind with Grace in childhood, his heart shall be established with grace in manhood, *Adeo à teneris assuescere magnam est* : On the other side, the neglect of this catechising our youth, and seasoning their tender hearts with the true knowledge of God, is *nostri fundi calamitas* : wee see by miserable experience the want thereof : how many of our young men, to the great disgrace of the Gospel, are ryotous Swaggerers, horrible Blasphemers, filthy Drunkards, and a great deale more : the blood of whole perishing soules doe cry vnto God against negligent and idle Pastors, which onely feed themselves. It is true, that our encouragements vpon earth are small ; yet here is our comfort, that if wee be faithfull and diligent, and doe the worke of the Lord with all our strength, wee shall then make our account with ioy : and when the Chiefe Shephard of the Flocke shall appeare, wee shall receiue an incorruptible Crowne of Glory : Yee, when other righteous men shall onely

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only shine like the Firmament, wee shall shine
like the Stars in the Firmament for euermore;
Which G O D the righteous Iudge grant for his
Sonnnes sake, *Amen.*

Your brother and fellow labourer,

W. H.



The Authors Epistle.

To all Christian Parents and Fa-
thers of Families; chiefly to
those of his owne charge.

I Have imprinted this short sume of the Principals
of Christian Religion, for the good of your
selues, and your Families. Mine Exhortation
therefore unto you is, first, to learne these things
your selues, then to teach your children at home;
thirdly, to see them present in publike Assemblies
of the Church, there to be taught also. So shall you
discharge a great dutie which you doe owe unto
your God, and also unto your Families. For doth
not the Lord say, These words which I command
thee this day, shall be in thine heart, and thou

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shalt rehearse them continually vnto thy children: Your God requireth it, you must performe it. O that you would learne the resolution of Ioshua, Let others doe as they will, but I and mine household will serue the Lord: and let all Matrons say with Ester, I and my Maids will doe the like: And indeed it cannot bee, if your selues be truly conuerted vnto God, but that both out of your zeale vnto his glory, and loue vnto your children, you must needs labour to make them proselytes vnto heauen. For as our Saniour saith of Zacheus Conuersion, This day is saluatiō come vnto this house, yet there was none conuerted but Zacheus onely: But Chrſt spake of that which must needs follow that all the rest of that Family hauing so effectually meanes of Grace must needs be conuerted: And therefore I say vnto you as our Suior did vnto Peter, When thou art conuerted, strengthen thy Brethen: and so you being made true Proselytes vnto Christ, endeavor by all meanes to make all your children and family to be euen as you are. The Lord make you all herein faithfull, so shall you haue a blessing of all earthly blessings the greatest, euen a blessing in your posteritie, which the Lord grant for his Christs sake, Amem.

Yours in the Lord Iesus Christ.

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*To all Christian Children, e-
specially to them of his owne
charge.*

THese first Principles of Christianitie (deare children) doe I offer vnto you for the good of your soules; and what is my desire herein, but that you should consecrat the first fruits of your age, and strength, in seruice vnto Christ? Why should Sachan seize vpon your soules in childhood? Why should the world allure youre tender hearts vnto vanitie? Remember that ye were baptized in Infancie, to signifie that euen then you were dedicated vnto Christ. Endeauour therefore to learne to know the Principles of that religion into the which you are baptizeed, and, so grow euery day in Grace, and in the knowledge of the Mystery of Godlinesse, that so you may be as Timothy was, who knew the Scriptures from his Childhood, who after so grew vp, that hee was

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ioyned as an assistant with St. Paul that great
Apostle, in his labour: so shall you in old age,
when death approacheth, say with holy P O-
L I C A R P V S, *This fourescore and sixe yeares
hane I serued Christ*, that was from his Infancy:
so shall you all your life long inioy much peace
in your soules, euen that peace which is a
continuall Feast, and passeth all vnderstanding.

The Lord season your tender hearts with
his grace eery day more and
more, for his Sons sake
Christ Iesus,

Amen.

Yours in the Lord Iesus

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Questions and Answeres vpon
the Creed, the tenne Commande-
ments, the Sacraments, and the
*Lords Prayer for the further ope-
ning of the ordinarie
Catechisme.*

Question 1.

BY what meanes art thou receiued
into the Church of God?

Ans. Outwardly by Bap-
tisme, Act. 2. 41. but inwardly
by faith in Christ, Rom. 5. 2.

2. *Quest.* What benefites receiued you by
Baptisme?

Ans. Thre: first, I was made a Member
of Christ, 1. Cor. 6. 15.

Secondly, I was adopted the Child of
God, Rom. 9. 26. Gal. 4. 5.

Thirdly I was made the heire of the King-
dome of glory, Rom. 8. 17.

3. *Quest.* Seeing by Baptisme thou art re-
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ceiued into the Church of Christ, what vse is there of Godfathers and Godmothers therein?

Ans. First, they did present mee to the Church in stead of my Parents, Luk. 2. 22.

Secondly, they made Confession of that Faith, into the which I was to bee baptized.

Thirdly, they promised and bowed on my behalfe, what on my part was to bee performed.

4. *Quest.* What did they promise on your behalfe?

Ans. They promised three things: First that I should forsake the three Capitall Enemies of my Salvation, the World, the Flesh and the Deuill, 1 Ioh. 2. 14. 15.

Secondly, that I should beleue all the Articles of the Christian Faith. Act. 16. 31.

Thirdly, that I should keepe all Gods, Commandements all the dayes of my life, Deut. 6. 2.

5. *Quest.* Dost thou think that thou art bound to performe these things promised?

Ans. Yes verily, in regard of the Covenant which I haue made with God, Hosea 2. 23.

6. *Quest.* Art thou able to performe all these things?

Ans. Not of my selfe, but in some measure

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I am enabled therunto by Gods grace. Philip. 4. 13.

7. *Quest.* Your Godfathers and Godmothers promising that you should forsake the three capitall enemies of your saluation; what is vnderstood by the first of them, the World?

Ans. I doe vnderstand all outward and earthly things, as euill Company, Riches, Honour, Pleasure, and such like, as they are meanes to draw mee from God, 1 Iohn 2. 15. & 5. 19.

8. *Quest.* What is meant by the Flesh?

Ans. By the flesh I meane our corrupt nature inclined to euill, vncleane lusts, euill desires, whereby our will is often deprauid and peruerbed, Rom. 7. 18. Gal. 5. 17.

9. *Quest.* What meane you by the Devil?

Ans. I meane all these spirits of Apostacy, euer at hand to suggest euill motions into mine heart, Iohn. 13. 2.

10. *Quest.* Your Godfathers and Godmothers farther promising on your behalfe both Faith and Works; what is to bee knowne concerning these?

Ans. We are to know: First, the nature of them, together with the things to bee belieued and done. Secondly, how we may growe and increase in them.

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11. *Quest.* You being then bound to beleue; what is Faith?

Ans. Faith is a grace giuen of God to assure me of his mercy and loue vnto mee in Christ, Rom 8. 38. reuealed to my minde by the Holy Ghost, Gal. 4. 6. through the Ministerie of the Word, Ioh 17. 20. Rom. 10. 17.

12. *Quest.* What are these things which wee are to beleue vnto saluation?

Ans. We must beleue all those fundamentall points laid done vnto vs in the Word, Ioh. 20. 31. the som wherof is exprested in the Creed, commonly called the Apostles Creed.

13. *Quest.* Rehearse the Creed.

Ans. I beleue in G O D the Father Almighty Maker of Heauen and Earth: And in Iesus Christ his onely Sonne our Lord, which was conceived by the holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Marie, suffered vnder Ponce Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into Hell: The third day he arose againe from the dead: He ascended into Heauen, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence hee shall come to iudge the quicke and the dead. I beleue in the Holy Ghost: the holy Catholike Church: The communion of Saints: The forgiveness of sinnes: The Resurrection of
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the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

14. *Quest.* Into how many parts is this Creed divided?

Ans. Into foure parts, containing twelue Articles: In the first whereof, I am taught to beleue in God the Father, who hath made me and all Creatures, in the first Article.

In the second part, I am taught to beleue in God the Son, who hath redeemed me and all mankind, in the six next Articles.

In the third part, I am taught to beleue in God the Holy Ghost, who hath sanctified me and all the Elect, in the eight Article.

In the fourth part, I am taught to beleue concerning the Church, as is laid downe in the foure last Articles.

15. *Quest.* What dost thou learne to beleue in the first Article? *I beleue in God the Father Almighty maker of heauen and earth.*

Ans. I learne to beleue foure things:

First, that there is a God, *Ma. 45. 21. 22.*

Secondly, that this God is but one, *1 Cor. 8. 6. 1 Tim. 2. 5.*

Thirdly, that this one God is distinguished into three Persons, Father, Sonne, and Holy Ghost, *1 Ioh. 5. 7.*

Fourthly, that this one God is Almighty declared so to be, first, by creating all things, *Gen. 1. 1.*

Secondly,

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Secondly, by upholding all things created by his continuall Providence, Psal. 145. 15, 16. Acts 17.28.

16. *Quest.* This thou beleueest, but what comfort reapest thou thereby vnto thy selfe?

Ans. First, I doe beleene that God is my Father, and that I am his child: Ioh. 1. 12. Gal. 3.26.

Secondly, that he being Almighty and I his Child, he will giue me all things needful, Psal. 34. 10. and preserve me from all dangers vnto saluation, 2. Tim. 4. 18.

17. *Quest.* Touching the second Article, why is the Sonne of God called Iesus?

Ans. Because hee saueth vs from all our sinnes, Mat. 1. 21. neither is there Saluation in any other, Acts 4. 12.

18. *Quest.* Wherefore is he called Christ?

Ans. In regard of his Offices whereunto he was ordained by God the Father, Ioh. 6. 27. and anointed by the holy Ghost, Mat. 3. 16.

19. *Quest.* Which are the Offices of Christ?

Ans. First his Office Prophetical to instruct vs in all things, Deut. 18. 15. Isa. 61. 1.

Secondly, his Priestly Office to redeme vs, Heb. 7. 21. Heb. 9. 11. and to pray for vs, Rom. 8. 24.

Thirdly, his Kingly Office, to raigne ouer vs

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vs by his Spirit & Word, Lu. 1. 33. Act. 2. 36.

20. *Quest.* Why is he called the onely begotten Son of God, since we also are the sonnes of God?

Ans. For that he onely is the Son of God by Nature and Generation, Ioh. 1. 14. but we are the sons of God by Grace and Adoption, Rom. 8. 15. Gal. 4. 5.

21. *Quest.* What doe you learne that Iesus Christ is the Sonne of God by Nature?

Ans. I learne unto my comfort that he was very God, Ioh. 1. 14. and that therefore whatsoever was performed and suffered by him, was infinitely meritorious for our saluation, Act. 20. 28. 2. Cor. 5. 9. Col. 1. 19.

22. *Quest.* Wherefore is Iesus Christ called our Lord?

Ans. Because hauing redeemed our soules from sin and Satan, he doth challenge vs as his owne, to doe him seruice, Rom. 14. 8. 9 I Cor. 6. 19.

23. *Quest.* What doe you learne out of the third Article? *Conceined by the Holy Ghost, borne of the Virgin Mary.*

Ans. I learne first by his birth, that he was man, that so hee might suffer for my sin, Heb. 2. 14. 15.

Secondly, by the manner of his conception by the holy Ghost, and birth of a Virgin, that hee

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hee was without all manner of sinne, and so the Sacrifice of himselfe being most pure, it was precious for our Redemption, 1.Pet.1.19.

24. *Quest.* What learne you out of the fourth Article, *He suffered vnder Pontius Pilat, was crucified, dead and buried; hee descended into Hell?*

Ans. I learne that vpon the Crosse he suffered both in his body & soule, Isa.53.5. and that by his Passion, as by an all-sufficient Sacrifice, Heb.10.14 hee hath freed my body & soule, from eternall damnation, 1.Thes. 5.9. Heb.2.14.15.

25. *Quest.* Why suffered he rather vpon the Crosse, then by other kinde of death?

Ans. First, because that kind of death was most shamefull.

Secondly, it was most painefull.

Thirdly, thereby hee tooke vpon him the curse, Deut.21.23. to free mee from the curse of the Law, Gal.3.13.

26. *Quest.* Seeing Christ hath thus died for vs, why yet must all Gods Saints die?

Ans. Not as a satisfaction or penaltie for sinne, but for two especiall benefits: First, for that sinne thereby is abolished in my nature, Rom.6.7.

Secondly, death is made an entrance for our soules, into life eternall, Phil.1.23.

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27. *Quest.* What learne you by his descension into hell?

Ans. I learne that hee was extremely humbled to the lowest step of dishonour, that so we all might bee exalted to an high degree of Glorie, Phil. 2. 8, 9.

28. *Quest.* Touching the fift Article, what profit haue we by his Resurrection?

Ans. First, hereby I learne, that he hath truly conquered Death and Hell, and hath obtained life and saluation for vs, 1 Cor. 15. 20. 1 Pet. 1. 3, 4.

Secondly, I am thereby enabled to rise from sinne, and am stirred vp to newnesse of life, Rom. 6. 4. Col. 3. 1.

Thirdly, thereby I am secured of the raising of my body, 1 Cor, 15. 20.

29. *Quest.* What learne you by the sixt Article? *He ascended into Heauen, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father.*

Ans. First, thereby hee hath taken possession of Heauen for vs, securing vs, that we shall ascend thither after him, Iohn 14. 3. Ephes. 2. 6.

Secondly, we haue the benefit of intercession, that he prayeth for vs and pleadeth our cause, Rom. 8. 34. Heb. 9. 24.

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Thirdly, by that meanes he hath sent vnto vs the Holy Ghost, to bee a teacher and comforter in his place, Iohn. 16. 7.

30 *Quest.* What learne you by his sitting at the right hand of God?

Ans. First, that all power is given vnto him both in heauen and earth, Mat. 28. 18.

Secondly, that by his power he will saue his Church, and destroy his Enemies, Psal. 2. 9 Ephes. 4. 8.

31. *Quest.* What learne you out of the sequenth Article? *From thence he shall come to iudge the quicke and the dead.*

Ans. Exceeding great comfort, for that hee which is our Saviour shall be our Iudge, Act. 17. 31.

Secondly, at that time hee will receiue vs and all his elect into glory, Mat. 25. 34.

Thirdly, by that meanes hee shall destroy all his Enemies, which are also our enemies, 2 Thes. 1. 6. 7. 8.

32. *Quest.* What learne you out of the third part of the Creed, in the eight Article? *I beleeue in the holy Ghost.*

Ans. First, I learne that the Holy Ghost is God coequal and coeternall to the Father, Acts 5. 3. 4.

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Secondly, that the Holy Ghost is given vnto vs to teach vs, to comfort vs, and to sanctifie vs, Iohn. 14. 16. Ioh. 16. 13. Rom. 1. 4.

33. *Quest.* What learne you out of the ninth Article? *The Holy Catholike Church, the Communion of Saints.*

Ans. First, I learne that God hath a Church vpon earth vniuersall in regard of persons, times and places, Matth. 23. 19. Acts 10. 34.

Secondly, that the same consisting of Gods Elect, is sanctified by Christ, Ephes. 5. 26, 27.

Thirdly, I am a lively Member of the same Church, 1. Cor. 6. 15. Ephes. 32.

Fourthly, that therein there is a fellowship of all Gods Elect, communicating in all the gifts of grace; 1. Corinthians 12. 12, 13. 1. Ioh. 1. 3.

34. *Quest.* What learne you out of the tenth Article? *The forgiveness of sinnes.*

Ans. First, I learne to beleue that all my sinnes are freely forgiven in Christ, Romans 3. 25. Ephes. 17.

Secondly, that being so freely forgiven, they shall neuer bee layed to my charge, Esay 4. 18.

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35. *Quest.* What learne you out of the eleuenth and twelfth Articles? *The resurrection of the body and life everlasting?*

Ans. I doe learne three things most comfortable: First, that all men shall bee raised againe at the last day, Apoc. 20. 13.

Secondly that our bodies shall arise glorious bodies, 1 Cor 15. 42. Phil. 3. 21.

Thirdly, that we all in body and soules united shall liue with Christ for ever in his Kingdome, Ioh. 14. 2. 1 Thes. 4. 17.

36. *Quest.* What profit doest thou get by beleeuing all these things?

Ans. First, by this meanes I am iustified before God, even by Faith alone in Christ, Act. 13. 39. Phil. 3. 9.

Secondly, by Faith I shall overcome the enemies of my saluation, 1 Iohn. 5. 4.

Thirdly, being iustified, and overcoming, I shall inherit eternall life, Rom. 8. 30. Tit. 3. 7.

37. *Quest.* Why art thou iustified by Faith alone.

Ans. Not because my faith is perfect, and deserueth at Gods hands, 1 Cor. 13. 9. but because the obedience and righteousness of Christ is made mine in the sight of God,

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1 Cor. 1.3. of the which I can no other way
be partaker but by Faith, Rom. 4.22.24.

38. *Quest.* Why cannot good workes iu-
stifie vs in the sight of God?

Ans. Because that righteousnesse which
shall stand in the iudgement of God, must
be most perfect, Deuter. 27. 26. but our best
works are imperfect and defiled with sinne,
Psal. 143. 2. Ilay. 64. 6.

39. *Quest.* But good words are the third
thing to which we are bound by the promise
of our Godfathers and Godmothers: where-
fore then must we doe good workes?

Ans. For many great causes: First, in
regard of God.

Secondly, in regard of ourselues.

Thirdly, in regard of Gods Childzen.

Fourthly, in regard of the Enemies of
our Christian Profession.

40. *Quest.* Why must we doe good workes
in regard of God?

Ans. First, because it is service required
of him: and due vnto him, Luke 1. 74.
Luke 19. 13.

Secondly, in regard of thankfulness vnto
him Psal. 116. 12.

Thirdly, because by that meanes others

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may be moued to glozifie God, Mat. 5. 16.

41. *Quest.* Why are wee to doe good workes in regard of our selues?

Ans. *First*, thereby to make our election sure vnto our selues, 2 Pet. 1. 10.

Secondly, because they are the way to glozie, Mat. 7. 14.

Thirdly, in regard of the Reward, and difference thereof, 1 Cor. 15. 41. 2 Cor. 9. 6.

42. *Quest.* Why must we doe good workes in regard of Gods Children?

Ans. *First*, that they may reape the fruit thereof vnto their good in the woordes of mer-
cie, Philem. 1. 20.

Secondly, that by our example they may be stirred vp to doe good, Tit. 2. 7.

43. *Quest.* Why in regard of the Enemies of our profession?

Ans. To stop the mouths of all blasphemous Aduersaries, 1 Pet. 2. 15. 1 Pet. 3. 16.

44. *Quest.* How many things are requisite in our workes to make them good?

Ans. *Three*: *First*, that they be commanded in the Law of God, 1 Sam. 15. 22. Ephes. 2. 10

Secondly, that they flowe from a true Faith, Rom. 14. 23. Heb. 11. 6

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Thirdly, that they be done to Gods Glor-
rie, 1 Cor. 10. 3 1. 2 Pet. 4. 11.

45. *Quest.* It being requisite to the making
of our works good, that they be commended
in Gods Law. What meane you by the Law
of God?

Ans. I meane the Morall Law, contained
in the ten Commandements.

46. *Quest.* Rehearse the Commandements

Ans. **G O D** spake these words, and
said, I am the Lord thy **G O D** which haue
brought thee out of the Land of Egypt, out of
the house of Bondage.

1 Thou shalt haue none other Gods, but
me.

2. Thou shalt not make to thy selfe any
grauen Image, nor the likenesse of any thing
that is in Heauen above, or in the earth be-
neath, or in the water vnder the earth: Thou
shalt not bow downe to them, nor worship
them. For I the Lord thy God, am a zealous
God, and visit the sins of the Fathers vpon
the Children, vnto the third and fourth gene-
ration of them that hate me, and shew mercy
vnto thousands in them that loue mee and
keepe my Commandements.

3 Thou shalt not take the Name of the

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Lord thy God in vaine: for the Lord will not hold him guiltlesse that taketh his name in vaine.

4 Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day: Sixe dayes shalt thou labour and doe all that thou hast to doe: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt doe no manner of worke, thou & thy Sonne, and thy Daughter, thy Manservant, and thy Maidservant, thy Cattell, and the Stranger that is within thy Gates. For in sixe dayes the Lord made heauen & earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day, Wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

5 Honour thy Father & thy Mother, that thy dayes may be long in the land which the Lord thy God hath given thee.

6 Thou shalt not murther

7 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

8 Thou shalt not steale.

9 Thou shalt not beare false witness against thy Neighbour.

10 Thou shalt not couet thy Neighbours house, thou shalt not couet thy Neighbours Wife, nor his Servant, nor his maid, nor his ore, nor his asse, nor any thing that is his.

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47. *Quest.* What is ment by that preface before the Commandements, *God spake these words and said, I am the Lord thy God which brought thee out of the Land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage?*

Ans. It doth containe foure Arguments most forcible to perswade vs to obedience.

First in that it is said, *GOD* spake these words, I learne that God is the Author of the Ezek. 20. 11.

Secondly, in that it is said, *I am the Lord*, I learne that he hath authority to command, and power to punish the breakers of his Law Mat. 10. 28.

Thirdly, in that it is said, thy *G O D*, I learne that wee must obey in regard of the Covenant which wee haue made with him Ezek. 11. 20.

Fourthly, in that it is said, Which brought thee out of Egypt, wee must obey in regard of his mercy & goodnesse towards vs, Plal. 116. 12.

48. *Quest.* How are these Commandements diuided?

Ans. Into two Tables, in the first wherof, in foure Commandements, is taught how we ought to behaue our selues towards our
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our God.

The second, in the five last Commandements, teacheth vs what duties wee owe vnto our Neighbours.

49. *Quest.* What doth God require of vs in the first Commandement? *Thou shalt haue none other Gods but me.*

Ans. First, I am forbidden all inward Idolatry, to set vp any Idoll in mine heart, in giuing any part of Gods worship vnto it, Isai. 42. 8.

Secondly, wee are commanded to worship the Lord our God, and him onely must we serue, Mat. 4. 10.

50. *Quest.* Wherin consisteth the inward and spirituall worship of God?

Ans. Chiefly in these foure things:

First, in learning to know him aright, Iohn 17. 3.

Secondly, to beleene in him, Iohn. 14. 1. out of which floweth Prayer for what wee want, and thankfulness for what wee haue received, Psal 50. 14.

Thirdly, in louing him aboue all, Deut. 6. 5. Mar. 16. 37.

Fourthly, in fearing him aboue all, Mal. 1. 6. Luk. 12. 15.

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51. *Quest.* What is required of vs in the second Commandement? *Thou shalt not make to the self any grauen Image, &c.*

Ans. First, we are forbidden to make any Image to represent God, De. 4. 15, 16 Ie. 4. 81

Secondly, wee may not make the Image of any Creature, to giue deuine worship vnto it, Ier. 2. 27 Act 7. 41.

Thirdly, I am commanded to worship God as hee hath prescribed in his Word, Mat. 15. 9.

52. *Quest.* What is required of vs in this Commandement? *Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vaine?*

Ans. First, we are forbidden to abuse the glorious Name of GOD any manner of way: as,

1. In Coniuring, Deut. 18. 11.

2. In cursing, Rom. 12. 14.

3. In perjury, Leu. 19. 12. Zac. 1. 4

4. In idle & vaine swearing, Mat. 5. 34.

Secondly, we are commanded to vse the holy Name of God with reuerence, and honour, Deut. 28. 58. as,

1. In giuing praise vnto it, Ps. 118. 28, 29.

2. Thankes, Phil. 4. 6

3. Praying vnto it, Psal. 50. 15.

4. In

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4. In religious swearing by it, I say. 45. 23.

53. *Quest.* What doth God require of vs in the fourth Commandement? *Remember that thou keepe holy the Sabbath day, &c.*

Ans. First. we are commanded to giue rest vnto our body and therefore it is called the Sabbath. Deut. 5. 14.

Secondly, to doe such *Wozkes* whereby the Sabbath is sanctified: as,

1 In diligent frequenting the publike Assemblies of the Church, Psalme 68. 26. Acts 2. 42.

2 In reuerent hearing the *Wozd*, Acts 23. 44.

3 In receauing the Sacraments, Act. 2. 46.

4 In praying publikely and priuately, Acts 16. 13.

5 And in giuing to the poore 1 Cor. 16. 2.

Thirdly, I am forbidden to doe the honest and laborious *wozkes* of my Calling, Exod. 16. 23. sauing in case of necessitie, Luke 13. 15.

Fourthly, all unfull actions and exercises tending to sinne, as drunkennesse, dancing, dalliance, and the like, Rom. 13. 13, 14. Ephes. 5. 10. 11.

54. *Quest.* What persons are bound to keepe

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keepe holy the Sabbath ?

Ans. First, all, thou, thy sonne, thy daughter, thy man-servant, thy maid-servant, all of every condition, *Exod. 20. 10.*

Secondly, all Fathers of Families and Magistrates are incorned to take care, that all which doe live vnder them, doe sanctifie it vnto the Lord, *Nehem. 13. 17.*

55. *Quest.* What doth God require of vs in the fift Commandement? *Honour thy Father and thy Mother, &c.*

Ans. First, wee are commanded to loue, feare and obey all our Superiours, chiefly our naturall Parents, *Ephes. 6. 2.*

Secondly, all Magistrates, *Rom. 13. 1. 5.*

Thirdly, Our spirituall Pastors, *1 Thes. 5. 12. Heb. 13. 17*

Fourthly, our Masters, *Col. 3. 22.*

Fiftly, our godly Elders, *Isa. 3. 5. 1 Tim. 5. 1 2.*

Secondly, wee are forbidden to hate, despise, or disobey them, either in thought, word or deed, *Prou. 20. 20. Rom. 13. 2.*

56. *Quest.* What doth God require of vs in the sixt Commandement? *Thou shalt not kill.*

Ans. First, I am forbidden to preiudice
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the life of thy Neighbour.

First, by actuell murder, Genes. 9. 5, 6.
Mat. 5. 52.

Secondly, by malice, 1 Iohn 3. 15.

Thirdly, by mocking, quarrelling, or any
other way to prouoke anger, 2 Sam. 16. 7.
Mat. 26. 22.

Secondly, I am commanded to preserve
his life: First, by defending him, Exodus
2. 13.

Secondly, by louing him, Ephes. 5. 2

Thirdly, by vsing all louing behaviour to-
wards him, 4. 3 2.

57. *Quest.* What doth God require of vs
in the leuenth Commandement? *Thou shalt
not commit Adultery.*

Ans. God forbiddeth all vncleanenesse in
the flesh, as first, all defiling the body by
actuell Whoredoms, Hebrewes 13. 4 Leuit.
18. 20.

Secondly, all vncleane lusts of the heart,
Ephes. 5. 28.

Thirdly, all vnchaste behaviour, either
in word or deed, whereby either we or our
selues or others might bee inticed, Ephes. 4.
29. Ephes. 5. 3

Secondly, wee are commanded to keepe
cleane

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cleane bodies, 1 Cor. 6. 19.

Secondly, chaste hearts, 1 Thes. 4. 3, 4.

Thirdly, chaste behaviour in word and gesture.

58. *Quest.* what is required of vs in the eight Commandement? *Thou shalt not steale?*

Ans. First, we are forbidden to wrong our Neighbour in his Goods, First, by actuall stealing, Leviticus 19. 11. Ephes. 4. 38.

Secondly, by couctosnesse, Ephes. 5. 5. Col. 3. 5.

Thirdly, by all vnlawfull getting from him, as,

First, by false Waightes and Measures, Deut. 25. 13.

Secondly, by Usury, Deuteron. 23. 19. Psal. 15. 5. 02,

Thirdly, by any vniust meanes, 1 Thes. 4. 6.

Secondly, we are comanded to labour, that so, First, wee may eat our owne bread, 2 Thes. 3. 12.

Secondly, that wee may be able to doe good vnto others, espeically to the poore Saints, Gal. 6. 10. both by hospitality, Hebrew. 13. 2.
and

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and almes dees, Heb. 13. 16.

59. *Quest.* What doth God require of vs in the ninth Commandement? *Thou shalt not beare false Witnesse against thy Neighbour.*

Ans. First wee are forbidden to speake falsly in witnesse bearing, Exod. 23. 1. Deut. 19. 18.

Secondly, to backbite or slander any, Psal. 15. 2.

Thirdly, to lye, flatter, or dissemble, Psal. 12. 3. Ioh. 8. 44. Ephes. 4. 25.

Secondly, we are commanded in all things to speake and maintaine truth, Psal. 15. 2. 88,

First in bearing witnesse, Zac. 8. 16.

Secondly, in plainly reproofing our Brethren, Leuit. 19. 17.

Thirdly, In defending his good Name, 1 Sam. 19. 45. Pet. 4. 8.

60. *Quest.* What doth God require of vs in the tenth Commandement? *Thou shalt not covet thy Neighbours house, thou shalt not covet thy, &c.*

Ans. First, wee are forbidden to give way to the least motion of unlawfull desire, concerning that which is our Neighbours, Jer. 4. 14.

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Secondly, wee are commanded to entertaine and nourish in our soules, all holy and heavenly motions, Rom. 7. 22. Col. 3. 2.

61. *Quest.* Are any of Gods children able to keepe these Commandements perfectly?

Ans. No: First, because we sinne, the best of vs, in many things, Psal. 19. 12. Iam. 3. 2.

Secondly, because our best workes doe saueur of the flesh, and are defectiue, Isay 64. 6. Gal. 5. 17.

62. *Quest.* How shall wee then shunne the curse of the Law, and eternall damnation?

Ans. By Faith in Christ, 1. Cor. 1. 30. 2. Cor. 5. 21.

63. *Quest.* Of Faith and Workes we haue hitherto heard, it remaineth that you shew now, by what meanes we may grow in them.

Ans. By vsing all holy exercises, especially these foure:

First, by hearing and reading the Word of God, Psal. 119. 9. 1. Pet. 2. 2.

Secondly, by mutuall conference, 1. Thes. 5. 11.

Thirdly, by receiuing the Sacraments, Acts. 2. 42.

Fourthly, by earnest prayer vnto God, for the increase of his Grace, Luke, 11. 13.

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James, 1. 5.

64. *Quest.* First then, what is the Word of God?

Ans. All that Doctrine delivered in the Scriptures of the old and new Testament.

65. *Quest.* How do you know it to bee the Word of God?

Ans. Because it was delivered and written by divine inspiration, 2^d Tim. 3. 16 2. Pet. 1. 21.

66. *Quest.* How do you know that every part of the Scripture was delivered by divine inspiration, and so is indeed the Word of God?

Ans. By many firme Arguments: but especially, five:

First, in the inward testimony of the holy Ghost in mine owne heart, 1. Iohn, 2. 27. 1. Cor. 2. 15.

Secondly, by the wonderfull Majesty of the Scriptures, 1. Cor. 2. 14. delivered yet in great simplicity.

Thirdly, by the mighty power of it, in converting soules, Psalm. 19. 7. 2. Corinth. 10. 4.

Fourthly, by the matter, which altogether sanonreth of heauenly wisdom.

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Lastly, by the continuall consent of all the Scriptures, being written by so many in time so different.

67. *Quest.* You say that receiuing the Sacrament, is one meanes of your spirituall growth: what is therefore a Sacrament?

Ans. A Sacrament is a visible signe of inuisible grace, Gen. 17. 11.

68. *Quest.* What are the ends why God did ordaine Sacraments vnto his Church?

Ans. Many: but especially, five:

First, to be badges of our Christian profession.

Secondly, to be signes to set out to our senses the promises of GOD, Genesis 17. 11.

Thirdly, to be as seales to confirme the truth thereof vnto vs, Rom. 4. 11.

Fourthly, to be meanes to conueigh vnto vs inward and spirituall graces, where there is Faith to apprehend them, 1. Cor. 10. 16.

Lastly, to be effectuell meanes of the increase of Faith and Pietie in our hearts, Acts, 2. 46.

69. *Quest.* Who doe make the right vse of the Sacraments?

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Ans. They which are daily confirmed thereby, in Faith and newnesse of life, Acts, 2. 42.

70. Quest. How many sorts of Sacraments are there?

Ans. Two sorts, one of the Olde Testament, to assure vs that Christ should come.

Another sort of the New Testament, to assure vs that Christ is already come.

71. Quest. What is a Sacrament of the New Testament?

Ans. It is an outward Signe ordained of God, to assure vs that Christ and all his benefits are made ours, Luke, 22. 19. 1. Corin. 11. 24.

72. Quest. How many Sacraments hath Christ ordayned in his Church?

Ans. Two onely, Baptisme, and the Lords Supper, 1. Cor. 10. 1, 2, 3.

73. Quest. What is Baptisme?

Ans. Baptisme is a Sacrament of our new and spirituall birth, Tit. 2. 5. wherein by the outward washing of Water, we are taught and assured that our soules are washed from all our sinnes in Christ blood, Act. 2. 38. 1. Iohn, 1. 7.

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74. *Quest.* Why are Infants baptised, seeing thy do not yet actually belecue?

Ans. Because the Covenant, and Promises of God doe belong vnto them, Gen. 17. 7 Acts. 2. 38. 39.

75. *Quest.* Seeing we are baptised onely in infancy, how hath Baptisme effect to wash away sinnes afterward committed?

Ans. Baptisme hath this effect during our whole life, and is a perpetuall fountaine ener washing vs, Zac. 13. 1. while we with a lively Faith doe looke vnto the shedding of Christs blood, Heb. 10. 10. 14.

76. *Quest.* What is the Lords Supper?

Ans. It is a Sacrament, wherein by receiving Bread and Wine consecrated by the Word of God he doth truly offer vnto vs, and we do really receive the body and blood of Christ. 1. Cor. 10. 16.

77. *Quest.* Which are the outward signes in the Lords Supper?

Ans. Bread and Wine, Mat. 26. 26. 27.

78. *Quest.* Which is the invisible grace?

Ans. The Body and Blood of Christ, Luke, 22. 19.

79. *Quest.* What doth God teach vs in appointing Bread and Wine, bodily food,

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to be outward signes of the Body and Blood of Christ?

Ans. **Three things** : First, that Christ is the true and lively food of our soules, being Sacramentally apprehended by Faith, whereby our spirituall life is supported, John, 6. 32. 33. 34.

Secondly, that all the merits of Christs Passion, and whatsoeuer is in him is verily become ours, Rom 8. 32.

Thirdly, hereby wee are taught the manner of our spirituall union with Christ, that he is inseparably conuincinated with vs, and wee with him, John, 6. 56. John 15. 4.

80. *Quest.* What is ment by the words of Institution? *Take, eate, this is my body: and drinke ye all of this, this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many?*

Ans. In that Christ saith, *Take*, he teacheth vs that he is become ours, 1. Cor. 1. 30.

Secondly, in that he saith, *Eate, Drinke*, he teacheth vs that hee is become one body with vs, 1. Cor. 10. 17.

Thirdly, in that he saith, *Which is giuen for you, which is shed for you*, that both these are not so much his as ours, and that hee
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tooke them by, and laid him downe for vs
and our saluatiō, Ioh. 10. 11. 1. Tim. 2. 6.

Lastly, we are taught that the right vse
of the Sacrament consisteth of those acti-
ons, and that therefore eleuation, reserua-
tion, circumgession, and adoration of the
Sacrament in Popery, is no part of Christs
ordinance.

81. *Quest.* By what meanes doe wee eate
Christs Body, and drinke his Blood in the
Sacrament?

Ans. Spiritually by Faith, Ioh. 6. 35. 47.
while in those outward signes wee doe be-
hold Christ crucified for vs.

82. *Quest.* Doe the wicked and vnbelie-
uers eate Christs body and drinke his blood
in the Sacrament?

Ans. No: because they want Faith.

83. *Quest.* Is the Bread turned into Christs
Body. and the Wine into his Blood in the
Sacrament?

Ans. No: for so, First, the vnbelieuers
should eate Christs Body, and drinke his
Blood.

Secondly, we should destroy the nature
of the Sacrament, by taking away the out-
ward signe.

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Thirdly, we should destroy the truth of his naturall body, by depriving it of the true properties thereof, Heb. 2. 17.

84. *Quest.* What vnion is there of the outWard Signes with the thing signified?

Ans. **Onely a Sacramentall Union**, whereby Christ is so present in our Sacraments, as he was in the Ceremonies and Sacraments of the Law, 1. Cor. 10. 3.

85. *Quest.* What change then is there in the outward signe?

Ans. **No change in their nature**, but onely in vse, for that Elements before common, are now consecrated to be signes of things spirituall and holy, in regard whereof they are holy, 2. Sam. 21. 4.

86. *Quest.* What must wee doe for our preparation before wee come to receiue the Sacrament?

Ans. **Examine our selues**, 1. Cor. 11. 28.

87. *Q.* Why must we examine our selues?

Ans. **For two causes**: First, because the unworthy receiver is guilty of the body and blood of Christ, 1. Cor. 11. 27.

Secondly, because he prouoketh God to wrath, and so eateth, and so drinketh his awne damnation, 1. Cor. 11. 29.

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88. *Quest.* Who are they that receive vns worthily?

Ans. All they which come irreuerently
or without Faith and Repentance cenned,
Isay, 1. 13. 15 Tit. 1. 15.

89. *Quest.* Are all Christians to receiue
the Lords Supper?

Ans. No: onely such are to receiue who
both can and doe diligently examine and
approue themselves, 1. Cor. 11. 28.

90. *Quest.* Wherein are wee to examine
our selues?

Ans. In foure things: First, whether
we know the true sence and meaning of this
Sacrament, Prou. 19. 2.

Secondly, whether we haue a true and
liuely Faith, 2. Cor. 13. 5.

Thirdly, whether we finde a true Repen-
tance in our hearts, Isay, 1. 16.

Lastly, whether we be in Love and Cha-
ritie with all men, Mat. 5. 23. 24.

91. *Quest.* You said that Prayer is one
meanes of our spirituall growth; what
things are requisite in Prayers?

Ans. Many: as namely, first, that we pray
vnto God through Christ, Iohn, 16. 23.

Secondly, with assurance through Faith
to

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to bee heard Marke, 11.24. James, 1.6.

Thirdly, that our prayers doe flow from the heart, and be fervent, 1. Corin. 14. 15. James, 5. 16.

Fourthly, that we bee in charity when we pray, Math. 11.25. 1. Tim. 2.8.

Fifthly, that wee leaue sinne, and indeavour to live according to Gods will, Psal. 66. 18. Iohn, 19. 31. Iohn, 3.22.

Sixtly, that wee faint not in prayer, but continue in the exercise thereof, Luke. 18. 1. Col. 4.2.

Finally, that our prayers must be framed according to Gods will, 1. Iohn, 5. 14.

92. *Quest.* When are our prayers framed according to Gods will?

Ans. When they are made according to the Prayer which our Lord Jesus Christ hath prescribed as a rule to frame our prayers thereby, Math. 6.9.

93. *Quest.* Rehearse the Lords Prayer.

Ans. Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy Name: Thy Kingdome come: Thy will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven: Give vs this day our daily bread: and forgive vs our trespasses, as wee forgive them that trespass against vs: And leade

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leade vs not into temptation : But deliuer vs from euill : For thine is the Kingdome, power and glory for ever, Amen.

94. *Quest.* How many things are principally to be obserued in the Lords Prayer ?

Ans. *Three* : First, what name we are taught to giue vnto our God to whom we make our prayers, *Our Father which art in Heauen.*

Secondly, the summe of that we pray for, contained in the sixe Petitions.

Thirdly, a conclusion, giuing vs assurance that we shall haue what we aske, *For thine is the kingdome, power and glory.*

95. *Q.* What comfort doe you conceiue in the name you are taught to giue vnto God ?

Ans. First, in that we are taught to call God our Father, we learne that he loueth vs, and is tenderly affected vnto vs, and so will giue what wee aske, Mat. 7. 9. 10. 11

Secondly, in that hee is heavenly, we learne his all-sufficiencie, that he is able to furnish vs with all things necessarie, Gen, 17. 1 Rom. 10. 12.

96. *Quest.* How many things doe the sixe Petitions containe ?

Ans. *Two* : First, things concerning Gods

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Gods glorie, contained in the three first Petitions, whereby we are taught first and principally in our desires to seek & sue for the advancement thereof. Mat. 6.33.

Secondly, things concerning our owne necessities, contained in the three last, whereby we are taught in a second place to respect our owne wants, and the supplying thereof.

97. *Quest.* What doe you aske of God in the first Petition? *Hallowed be thy name.*

Ans. First, that he so direct vs all, that we might haue in high reuerence his glorious Maiestie, Omnipotencie, Wisedome, Mercie, Goodnesse, and Truth, shewed in his Word, and shining in his Creatures, Psal. 19.2. Psal. 71.8. Ier. 9.24.

Secondly, that his glorious name may neuer be dishonored by vs either in thought word, or deed, Leuiticus 22.31.32. Pro. 3.9 Rom. 2.24.

98. *Quest.* What doe you sue for in the second Petition? *Thy Kingdome come.*

Ans. First, that God would raigne daily more and more in vs by his holy word and Spirit, Luk. 17.21. Rō. 14.17.2. Cor. 10.5.

Secondly, that the Lord would weaken the

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the power of Sathan, Rom. 16.20. 1.Ioh. 3.8. and of all the wicked which fight for him, Iudg. 5.31. Psal. 24.5. Psal. 21.12,13.

Thirdly, that hee would finish these dayes of sinne, and receive vs into glory, Benel. 12.10.

99. *Quest.* What doe you aske in the third petition? *Thy will bee done in earth as it is in Heauen.*

Ans. First, that we renouncing our owne corrupt wills and affectiōs, Math. 16.24. may obey the holy will of God, Luk. 22.42.

Secondly, that this Obedience may bee performed of vs all faithfully, cheerfully, & perfectly, as it is of all Angels in Heauen, Psal. 103.20. 21.

100. *Quest.* What doe you pray for in the fourth Petition? *Gine vs this day our daily Bread.*

Ans. First, that God would gine vs food and rayment, and all things needfull for this life, Pro. 30.8. Psal. 104.27. Psal. 145.15.

Secondly, that hee would sanctifie vnto vs his Creatures for our vse, that they might be wholesome and comfortable, Deut. 8.2. 1.Tim. 4.4.5.

Thirdly, that as every day we shall haue wants

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wants, so the Lord would daily by his providence supply the same. Mat. 6. 34. Heb. 13. 6

101. *Quest.* What doe you pray for in the first petition? *Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.*

A. First, that God would for Christs sake forgive all our sins, Psal. 51. 1. 9. Eph. 4. 32.

Secondly, that we may be directed by him to forgive one another, Luke, 17. 3. 4.

102. *Quest.* What doe you learne out of these words?

Ans. Four things: First, that all men are sinners, Eccles. 7. 22.

Secondly, that wee must seeke for remission of sins, Mat. 18. 26. Luke. 18. 13. for wee cannot satisfie, Iob, 9. 3. Mat. 18. 25.

Thirdly, non can forgive sins but God, Iob, 34. 31. Luk. 5. 21. 24.

Fourthly, to the malicious man there is no forgiveness, Mat. 6. 15.

103. *Quest.* What doe you pray for in the Sixt Petition? *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from euill.*

Ans. First, we pray that our hearts may be so established by grace, that we may be able to resist all temptations, 1. Cor. 10. 9. Ephes. 6. 13.

Secondly

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Secondly, that we may be delivered from that euill one the Deuill, and from euery pass, present, or future euill thing, whether of fault or punishment.

104. *Quest.* What is imported by the conclusion? *For thine is the Kingdome, power and glory, for ever.*

Ans. First, that all power and gouernment is euerlastingly intrested in the person of God alone, and in none other, and that therefore hee is able to grant what we aske, and no creature can resist him, Ephes. 1. 11. Ephes. 3. 20.

Secondly, that all glory belongeth vnto him, and therefore hee will grant all these things, for that thereby he is glorified both in himselfe, and in all his Saints, Ier. 33. 9 Iohn, 14. 13.

105. *Quest.* What meaneth this word. *Amen?*

Ans. So be it, or so it shall be: whereby are shewed two things:

First, a seruient desire to haue what I pray for, Dan. 9. 19.

Secondly, an assurance that I shall haue what I aske, 1. Iohn, 5. 15.

Prayers.

A Prayer to be said by Children in
the Morning.

Most gracious God and most loving
Father in Christ Iesus, we give thee
most humble and hearty thanks for all thy
blessings so graciously bestowed upon vs,
for preserving vs safe both in body and soule
vntill this day : good Lord forgine vs all
our sinnes, and continue thy wonted fauours
vnto vs : grue vs all things needfull both for
our bodies and soules, especially good Fa-
ther grant that our hearts may be so truly
seasoned and established with grace, that as
we doe grow in years, so we may also grow
vp in Christ Iesus in the true knowledge
of thee, in faith, and in all spirituall and hea-
uently blessings, that wee seruing thee in ho-
liness and righteousness all the daies of our
lives, we may be kept by thy mighty power
vnto saluation, through Iesus Christ : In
whose name wee pray as he hath taught vs :
Our Father which art in Heauen, hallowed
bee thy Name, &c.

Prayers.

A Prayer fit for Children to say in the Euening.

O Lord God most gracious and merciful, we giue thee most hearty thanks for the keeping vs safe this day past from all dangers: pardon whatsoever hath bene done amisse: as we fall by sinne, so let vs euer rise againe by true Repentance, and keepe vs this night safe as the apple of thine owne eye, giue vs quiet and comfortable rest, that being refreshed thereby, we may be the better enabled to thy seruice the day following, and so throughout our whole liues: and grant, that although our bodies sleepe, yet our soules may euer watch, looking alwayes for the coming of our Lord and Saviour Iesus Christ, that when hee shall appeare, we may also appeare with him in glory.

Our Father which art in Heauen, &c.

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Grace

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A Prayer for Children to say
Grace before Meate.

O Lord most gracious, which hast given
food for our Bodies, sanctifie vs
vs, and vs vnto thy selfe, and grante that by
the moderate vse thereof we may bee the
better enabled to serue thee in all holy and
Christian obedience, through Iesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

Grace after Meate.

Ve praise and magnifie thy Name,
O Lord, for all thy good blessings;
namely, for feeding our mortall bodies with
materiall food; feed our soules euen with
that Bread of life which came downe from
Heauen, that we may liue for euer through
Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God saue the Church, our King, Queene,
and Realmes, increase our Faith, forgie vs
our sinnes, & make vs partakers of his heauenly
Kingdome. Amen.

